January 2021

AGENDA

1. The Doctrine – Why are we concerned about family history?
2. Essential Principles
   1. Pray to be led by the Holy Ghost.
   2. Invite others to minister to/with me.
   3. Have ward consultant help me prepare a personalized plan.
   4. ACT NOW!
3. Hands-on ways we can turn our hearts to our fathers (See handout #2)
4. Getting started
   1. Get a large carboard box and label or decorate it. Put it in “your view/ way.”
   2. If you don’t know where to start, start with *yourself*. First, gather what records you have. “Put ‘em in the box.”

AND/OR---

* 1. Choose a Family Line you want to work on and gather heirlooms & documents you already have. “Put them in the box.”

1. Next steps
   1. Take some time gathering pertinent family history documents—a few weeks, perhaps.
   2. Once you have collected all you have, reach out to extended family members and get copies of what they have.
   3. Interview older family members and record or make copies of their stories.
   4. Choose a date to sort through and organize all you have collected.
   5. Using large 3-ring binders, make “Books of Remembrance” or “Life Books” to display what you have collected.
2. Moving forward
   1. Using what you have collected and organized, start filling out your 4-generation family tree/pedigree chart, or fill in the blanks as far as you possibly can.
   2. Work from the “Known” to the “Unknown.”
3. Assignments for success
   1. Collect what you have. “Put them in the box.” Set a time to get it done—mark a date on the calendar.
   2. Interview relatives and older generation & get copies of what they have. Set a time to get it done—mark a date on the calendar. (See handout #3)
   3. Match old photos you have found with any stories or histories you collected.
   4. Fill out (as much as possible) a 4-generation pedigree chart with yourself as the first generation.
   5. Fill out a family group record with your parents as the first generation.

**Handouts:**

1. Outline of Agenda
2. Dozen ideas to involve families in (*Turning the hearts of the Children to their Fathers)*
3. Questions for interviewing family members

**References:**

1. Members Guide to Temple and Family History Work: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/manual/members-guide-to-temple-and-family-history-work?lang=eng>
2. Getting Started: <https://www.familysearch.org/home/etb_gettingstarted>
3. Family History for Beginners: <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners>
4. Helping Others get started with Family History: <https://www.familysearch.org/ask/learningViewer/1934>
5. BYU Family History Library – Classes & Webinars – Family History Basic Tutorials

https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/

**Video:**

**Sacrifice of Time** – President Nelson

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=a+sacrifice+of+time+president+nelson&&view=detail&mid=763EB31BAF571EF41C0F763EB31BAF571EF41C0F&&FORM=VDRVSR